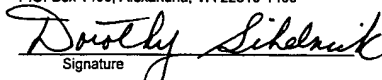


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application of pending prior application Serial No. 10/314,851, filed on 12/9/2002 which is a
divisional application of Serial No. 09/759,043 (now issued U.S. Patent 6,544,911).

QINYUN PENG AND KRISHNA SRINIVASAN

Title:

**FIBER MATS FOR MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION HAVING IMPROVED
TEAR STRENGTH AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME**

Examiner : Arti R. Singh

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed and an affidavit or
declaration verifying it as a true copy.
2. ☐ Prepare a copy of the prior application.
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1855. A duplicate copy of this
sheet is enclosed.
5. ☒ A new declaration is not required, since this application is a divisional.
6. ☒ Cancel claims 1-21 and 32.

7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (check one and fill in):

"This is a ☐ continuation, ☒ division, ☐ continuation-in-part, of application Serial No. 10/314,851, filed on December 9, 2002.

8. ☒ A simultaneous amendment is also enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned to
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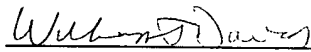
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- (a) ☒ The power appears in the original papers of the prior application. A copy is enclosed.
- (b) ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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